

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD North Tract, Compass Rose and Delivery Parcels North Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 10, 2018.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 17-6240-NRP, will affect approximately 19.1 acres located at South Aviation Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 400-00-007. The South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Public Railways d/b/a Palmetto Railways (Palmetto Railways), wants to acquire the property and intends to lease to Boeing for uses associated with Boeing's manufacturing facility.

The property is composed of multiple parcels previously used for commercial purposes. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Palmetto Railways. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold Palmetto Railways responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Palmetto Railways will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Palmetto Railways will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Palmetto Railways did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Palmetto Railways will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 10, 2018. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0927, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.